

The Regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was convened at 7.40 PM on January 28, 1991 Chairman William Press presiding.

In attendance were:

Pat Press	William Press	Bill Weible
Shaul Gladstone	Pat Thompson	Gail Rinehart
Ed Rohrbach	Susan Rohrbach	Sian Rohrbach nv
Rick Rothrock	Aaron Hamburger	Frank Akutowicz
John Stevenson	Jean K. Brachman	Frank Young
William Bailey	Bernie Brachman	Heleln Macklem
Sally Thurston	Rick Pell	Lynne Svenning
Peggy Aumack	Lew Aumack	Marianne Cinaglia
Anne Berlin	Tim Colgan	David Burslem
Leon Tanzer	Lee Starr	Carolyn P. Liberman
Connee Wright McKinney	Drew Burslem	Elizabeth Varley
Bonnie Burslem	Alan Burslem	Maryellen S. Jobson
Tom Colgan	Irene O'Connor	Ruth Panella
John Demsey	Bob Wynn	Sally Hamburger
Barbara Fenske	Ruth Estes	Peter A. Renzetti
Steven Threefoot	Ruth Bean	Betty Knott
Gene Shaw	Lou Bean	Joan Colgan
Lanier Colgan	John L. Austin	Cy Liberman
Rowena Austin	Russ McKinney	

AGENDA CLARIFICATION

Larry Walker asked for a show of interest in additional toddler equipment on Sherwood Green. This would be at Montessori's expense but would have to conform with standards set by Playground Committee. It would be of Commercial quality design, low maintenance and be installed professionally to the manufacturer's recommendations. Addition would include toddler swings, pre-school slide and youth climber, and would be routinely inspected by the Playground Committee for any liability problems.

Connee McKinney mentioned that the black top area near the basketball court is used by A.C.R.A. during the summer and would need to be kept clear.

A straw vote was taken and a majority of residents were in favor of the Playground Committee looking into this suggestion.

Approval of September Minutes - minutes were approved

Communications: Recycling is Here ! (Flyer received at Town Meeting)

At last, there is a recycling center convenient to the Ardens - right down Harvey Road at the new Wilmington Montessori School. The Delaware Solid Waste Authority has installed recycling "igloos" at the school.

Accepted are:

- \*Newspapers and magazines
- \*glass (all colors)
- \*plastic (for example, soda bottles and milk containers- should have recycling symbol)

- \* aluminum & tin cans
- \* small batteries
- \* - no cardboard

Right now, this is the only recycling center in the north part of the country, but the Authority has plans to add centers throughout the state. While there is an igloo for aluminum cans, Montessori students also have a class project collecting cans to raise money to protect endangered animals. If you prefer to help them with that project, the school's director, Marie Dugan, says you can leave your cans in plastic bags outside the igloos and the students will collect them daily. You can bring recyclables any time the school gate is open, starting 7 AM on week-days and 8 AM on weekends until dark.

#### Letter from Safety Committee:

Safety committee requested permission to have expenses incurred from extra police patrols met from the contingency fund, since they had overspent their budget by \$488.51. Town Assembly agreed.

The Town Assembly received a letter from David Burslem in regards to the flooding issue of Leaseholds along Woodland Lane in which he expressed concerns about preserving the original and existing curb stone. He asked that if the Civic Committee planned to install concrete gutters, he would like to propose that estimates for alternate solutions to the flooding issue be procured. A detailed out-line and estimate were attached and copies of the complete letter are available from David. The issue of flooding on Woodland Lane will be presented by the Civic Committee at an Open Meeting on March 13 at 8 PM at the B.W.V.C.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

TO: Town Assembly of Arden  
 Re: Trustees' Report  
 Date: January 28 1991

- 1] The new rent list has been prepared, and land rent bills will be sent out in February. The Trustees would like to remind all senior citizens who qualify for New Castle County tax rebates to file the necessary papers with the County Finance Department as soon as possible.
- 2] While the Trustees have done everything humanly possible to eliminate double payment of taxes by mortgage companies, we still had 4 cases last year. We request that all those leaseholders whose mortgage companies pay their land rent check their statements to make certain that New Castle County taxes have not also been paid. Failure to do so can result in significant delay before leaseholders are reimbursed for those errors.

- 3] Total banks balances & investments as of 12/31/90 were \$133,761.35. Of the above \$5,000 is in Arden Building & Loan shares. At the Trustees meeting on January 21, 1991, an additional \$5,000 was authorized for investment in the Arden Building and LOan in February. The trustees are investigating the possibility of increasing this in the future. Under current conditions the B. & L. represents a competitive investment paying 8% interest and possessing great liquidity.
- 4] The trustees have been considering the problem of what action to take if one or more budget items fail to pass at referendum. The only alternative the Trustees see at present would be for the Board to take responsibility for paying all bills and authorizing expenditures as necessary in order to defend the integrity of the Trust. Such action would be taken by us with the greatest reluctance, since it would represent a step backward in the evolving democracy of Arden. We strongly request guidance and/or direct requests from the Town Assembly to head off what could be a serious crisis in the Village.

Respectfully submitted

Shaul Gladstone

for

The Trustees of Arden

Discussion:

Shaul again expressed concerns of the Budget failing due to voter apathy. He was asked how often this has occurred, he explained that at every Referendum we are close to being in that situation. Pat Press felt that we would still have time solve this problem if we did not receive enough votes to pass the Budget by calling a Special Town Meeting. Shaul agreed, but felt it would be better to have a procedure set up in advance to handle the problem if it should arise.

Report Accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOLLOW:

Playground - Larry Walker

During the past quarter the required playground equipment inspections were made. Some minor repairs were made, and broken swing seats were replaced. All of the equipment is in good repair and safe condition.

The Wilmington Montessori Association has approached the Playground Committee to see about installing additional playground equipment on the Sherwood Green. They hoped that the new items could be installed next to the basketball court. They suggested that a toddler swing set, a pre-school climber, and youth sliding board be installed. The Wilmington Montessori Association would pay for the new equipment, and for installing the items. All of this equipment would be commercial quality playground equipment designed for public playground use, and it would be installed

professionally to the manufacturer's recommendations. If approval by the Playground Committee and the Town Meeting is granted, the equipment would be purchased and installed during the summer. At this point, the Playground Committee is considering this request.

The Baseball backstop will be removed from the Village Green this Spring in preparation for the installation of a new backstop. If anyone is interested in the galvanized steel fencing presently installed there, please contact a member of the Committee to let them know of your interest. If no one wants this, it will be recycled.

Report Accepted.

Archives: Sally Hamburger: Report to the Town Assembly of Arden on the Investigation of the Pauline Young property.

The committee met with Ms. Sandy Wright, Councilman James Baker, and Mrs. Doris Rideout (a close friend of Miss Young). Miss Young is, of course anxious that her vast archives on Black History be preserved in Delaware, preferably in her own home, and that work began yesterday. Several more meetings with Miss Young (one including her sister-in-law and only heir, Rebecca Murphy), several conversations with Arden's attorney, Joseph Rosenthal, a meeting with Dr. Marvin Hackett (President of the Howard High Alumni Association), and conversations with Dr. Newton, Chairman of the Black Studies Department at the University of Delaware and Wayne Smith, our State Representative, resulted in this scenario.

- \* Miss Young's heart obviously lies with the Howard High Alumni Association. She is very loyal to the school where she was once the librarian and would really like them to take charge. They already have some of her papers.
- \* Miss Young's family (Rebecca Murphy) is supportive of the plan for the house and contents to be donated to a responsible agency.
- \* At this point, some of the papers are with Howard High, some at the University of Delaware (the Alice & Paul Dunbar letters), and some (no one knows what) belong to Atlanta University.
- \* No agency is willing to take responsibility for this important collection until the legal situation is clarified. Dr. Hackett has ascertained that there is a legal agreement with Atlanta University - details unknown.

The Arden Archives Committee's position is that Miss Young's house and collection is much too large a task for us to assume alone. Our energies would be completely consumed to the detriment of our primary goal - The Arden Archives. Our dream would be to see the collection remain in her Ardencroft house and become part of the "Arden Historic Trail". To that end, Representative Smith suggests having the site declared an extension of Howard High.

Right now, we see our role as that of facilitating a consortium approach among the Howard High Alumni Association, the University of Delaware, Delaware State College and the State of Delaware.

The situation at this moment is that both Sandy Wright and Joe Rosenthal are attempting to clarify the legal situation. Ms. Wright is talking with Miss Young, Joe Rosenthal with Judge Lennie Williams.

Sally Hamburger

Regular Archives Committee Report - Rowena Austin

On October 14, 1990, this committee held an exhibit of arts and crafts in the Gild Hall. 164 visitors signed the guest book. Some former residents traveled from Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania for the event. It was inspiring and exciting for all of us to see some of the wealth of Arden artist's work collected together. Mounting and striking an exhibit of this scope in one day is a monumental task and the committee commends Margie Hamburger for the wonderful job she did in assisting us with this project. Many thanks to all exhibitors and others who helped to make this project a success.

At the committee's meeting on January 14, we were discussing our ever-increasing need for work and storage space. Brainstorming for a solution, we remembered that the Frank Stephens studio in the Craft Shop had recently been vacated. As all members felt this to be an ideal location, historically and geographically, we agreed to make an inquiry about our leasing it. Three committee members looked at the apartment. They found it to be in very good condition. The premises had been remodeled prior to the former tenant's lease and some minor repairs were already being made. After evaluating the layout and the space available, the committee agreed that the apartment would provide an excellent accommodation for our work, storage, and exhibition needs. To all members it seemed providential that Arden Archives Committee might have the opportunity to establish its first real home in this particular building which has such a vital significance to the history of our village. So after carefully scrutinizing our finances and dicussing the idea with town officials, the committee signed a lease for one year at \$375.00 per month on January 23. We plan to move in around in the middle of February. We are very excited about having a home and are

anxious to get moved in and to get to work. We have purchased file cabinets and work tables from De. State Surplus, but we are in need of chairs and lamps. Any donation of these items would be appreciated, and we always welcome anyone to participate in committee activities. Finances to date: In addition to the town budget line item of \$2000 for 1991/92, we maintain a credit balance of \$414, this fiscal year. In addition to this, the committee has received \$1760 in donations and pledges. We have submitted three grant proposals to funding agencies as well. Expenses to date are:

Archives stationery	\$260	
Exhibit expenses	\$426	(including Gild Hall rental)
Membership dues	\$30	(National Historic Communal Societies Assoc)
Furnishings	\$290	(DE state Surplus file cabinets & tables)
Archival supplies	\$206	
Security deposit	\$375	
Total	\$1587	

Another piece of exciting news: a writer, Henry Vienchek, proposed an article about Arden to the Smithsonian Magazine. His proposal has been accepted, and he has already made two working visits to Arden. We will keep you informed of the progress on this.

We are working with Buzz Ware Village Center Committee on a series of presentations about Arden history. The first event, a screening of The Bold Poachers and The Experimental Village was very well attended. Due to a break-down in the projector, that event has been rescheduled in February. This event got us moving on the project of having the Arden Film transferred to video. We are working with Arden Films on this. The video of the The Experimental Village will be available to anyone who might wish to purchase one the price of \$30. per video. The committee would like to request a show hands of those present who would be interested in acquiring this video. This would give us some idea of how many vidoes we would need to order.

Next committee meeting will held on February 5, 1991 at 7:30 PM at the B.W.V.C.

Report accepted.

Discussion: Pat Liberman - The house where Archives have signed the lease is the Red House, it will be a place not just to work but to have exhibits. The committee is very excited about it.

Joan explained the Red House was the first house built in Arden and the Archives Committee would be having revolving shows, people coming from various universities to see the Archvies collection and it would be advantageous to have everything together in one place.

(The rent does include heat, but does not include electricity.)

ASSESSORS: Aaron Hamburger

First public meeting will Thursday January 31, 1991 at 8 PM at BWVC - all residents invited to attend.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE: No Report

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE REPORT \_ Connee Wright McKinney

Tonight our committee report has an update on events we have sponsored this fall at the BWVC, a list of upcoming events, our committee's recommendation for a future maintenance reserve fund and results of the questionnaire on the future uses of the BWVC. On October '6, a Will Writing Workshop conducted by Joseph Flickinger, current Register of Wills for New Castle County, was very well attended with many thoughtful and informative questions and answers, particularly in regard to "living wills" and establishing a legal power of attorney.

On October 13 and 27, two travelogues with slide presentations on "Indians of the American Southwest" and "Travels to China before Tiananmen: A Loving View" were presented by Bernie and June Kleban. Thank you to the Kelbans for showing their lovely slides and treating us to such a good discussion afterwards.

On December 1, our committee sponsored a slide presentation by Elizabeth Varley Walker on Equader and collecting Gesnaria (African Violets). We could have done a better job of publicity for this event. Our thanks to Elizabeth for her time in organizing and presenting her slides and sharing this wonderful trip with us.

On January 12, at the first program in our Arden History series which is cosponsored with the Arden Archives Committee, we showed two films "The Bold Pachers" and "The Experimental Village". The turn out was great; however, we did have some mechanical problems with the projector; the second half of the film could not be shown. Our thanks to Mike Curtis for allowing us to use his own copy of the Arden film. We are scheduling a reshewing of the "The Experimental Village" for Saturday, February 23 at 7:15 PM. This is a tentative date so please watch the Arden Page for the final information.

Our mid-winter schedule of events is as follows: all events are held in Room 4 at the BWVC and are free of charge.

1. Sunday, February 10 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM, 2nd Annual Valentine Making.. Children ages 4-12. Free materials and volunteers are welcome to join us.
2. Saturday, February 16 from 10:00 PM - 12 noon, Work Session for Sunshine Foundation Sale.
3. Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 - 2:00 PM, 4th Annual Sunshine Foundation Sale. Children have their cookies and handmade notepaper for sale. Once again, we will be using our unique pricing system the buyer sets his or her own price for the white elephants: these treasures are priceless anyway. Homemade soup and sandwiches will be served from 11:30 - 1:00 PM. All proceeds will be donated to the Sunshine Foundation.

4. Saturday, March 9 from 7:15 - 8:15 PM, Arden history Series #2  
Growing up in Arden. This program will focus on information  
recollections of Arden residents about our colorful history.

New residents are especially welcome to join the roundtable.

5. Saturday, March 23 from 7:15 - 8:15 PM, Arden History Series # 3

Old Arden School. Slides and stories about how things were  
done in the old Arden School. See if you can recognize your  
neighbors as pigtailed or flannel-shirted first graders.  
Please look for fliers or notice in the Arden Page for details on the  
rest in the series. A most appreciative thank you to our programming  
committee members, Ruth Bean and Barbara Fenske, for organizing these  
wonderful events for our enjoyment.

At the 1990 January Town Meeting, our committee was asked to  
investigate the advisability of establishing a BWVC reserve fund to  
be used for building maintenance after the WMA lease expires.  
Because we felt that we needed more feedback from the community before  
we could in confidence make a recommendation, we asked the Town Assembly  
for a delay and sent out the questionnaires to the three Ardens. As you  
see on that handout, 37% of Arden respondents would prefer to terminate  
the agreement with WMA while 43% would not. In numbers of questionnaires  
that represents a difference of 8 respondents - a very close call for us  
to have a clear direction. The town is under contract until 1996 with  
the WMA: they may or may not continue to stay.

Our recommendation on establishing a maintenance reserve fund for the  
BWVC is as follows:

Our committee believes that the planning should start now for the  
possible use of the BWVC as a community center. It is important that  
we work with the Community Planning Committee. Part of that planning is  
a responsible approach to financially maintain the building, particularly  
for long-term projects to increase the building's energy efficiency.  
Under the present contract, all of the money that we receive from WMA  
must go into a maintenance fund. If and when WMA leaves the building  
in 1996, all that maintenance fund money must be returned to WMA and  
cannot be used by the town. If a Arden maintenance reserve fund for  
use after 1996 is begun now with an annual allotment to it, our  
committee feels that we can realistically plan for the transition of  
the BWVC as a future community center. If the town chooses not to  
proceed with a community center, the money would move over to the  
town reserve fund. Our current estimate is that it costs \$10,500  
annually to operate the building with minimum use. Minimum use  
is defined as year-round evening use plus ACRA summer camp and  
includes custodial service, utility costs and maintaining the  
building in good physical condition. Our committee would hope  
that if Arden decides to establish an annual maintenance fund for  
the BWVC that the Arden town officers who are currently meeting with  
the representatives of Ardentown and Ardencroft would ask if those  
towns would be willing to contribute to the fund as well.

The full results from Arden, Ardentown, and Ardencroft responses on the Questionnaire have been tabulated. We received back 196 questionnaires from the three Ardens. Please see the handout. Survey results are one thing, drawing conclusions from them are another. We welcome your reactions tonight to the summary, but please bear in mind this is not the one and only opportunity to discuss this.

In light of the results from the survey, our committee would like your comments on allowing fee paid workshops or classes in Room 4. These events would not be sponsored by our committee, but we would oversee them. We would like to try this for one year and see if it does work out for all of us. We will bring a motion to that effect to the June town meeting. We need time to work out guidelines and changes to our current building use policy beforehand. If the June Town Assembly agrees to the changes, we would like to begin allowing workshops or classes in the fall of this year.

Our committee met in November with Marie Dugan, the WMA director, and the WMA staff at the Arden site. We discussed various areas of concern, such as snow removal, speeding, scheduling ACRA, etc. WMA did request that the Civic Committee might consider painting parking lines on the lot out front to encourage parents to stay off of the grass and sides.

As of July 15, we closed out our Merrill Lynch account and deposited \$2400 from the current maintenance fund into Arden Building and Loan. We still have a checking account at Wilmington Trust.

There have been 30 meetings and 5 special events since the September Town meeting. Please call Ruth Bean to schedule in advance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Report accepted.

CIVIC COMMITTEE REPORT: Lou Bean

In my report to the last town meeting I was not completely sure that the State DOT would come through on their promise to correct the drainage problem at Harvey Road and the Memorial Garden. I needn't have doubted. They came through beautifully. What they did easily handled our recent rainstorms. Many thanks to Harold Monfort for his successful efforts. We need more help from Harold. There is more drainage work needed on Harvey and perhaps he will have better luck than I had in getting the DOT to remove the leaves from the recently unearthed catch basin at the Memorial Garden.

We completed the installation of street signs. There has been some vandalism, but the losses have been replaced. We have some spare signs just in case. The signpost at the corner of Marsh and Millers was hit and broken. Fortunately these large signs were not damaged. When the ground thaws out we will replace the post. There was concern expressed about the state of the concrete cover of the old cistern at the Springhouse. The cover is over a twenty foot by twenty foot cavity. We opened the door in the top and found it contained sixteen feet of water. We arranged for Wayne Knotts to drill and core the top. The concrete is seven inches thick and appears in excellent condition. We also arranged for Wayne to pour a concrete pad over the door and seal it up. This he will do when it warms up a bit.

The leaf cleanup of our roads took place in mid-December. A somewhat better job would have been done had it been carried out two weeks earlier. In the future we must try to get it done the first week in December.

Scrub growth was removed from the Green about one hundred yards up from the corner of Woodland and Green Lanes. This should make for better mowing in the future.

Our catch basins were cleaned in the fall. Two are in need of repair. Before the next Town Meeting we will meet with concerned residents to discuss the drainage work on Orleans Road and Woodland Lane.

The sketches and bid packages for each job are now complete. The open meeting to discuss these jobs will take place on March 13th at 8 PM in the B.W.V.C.

Discussion:

Residents who expressed concerns about the Woodland Lane drainage project and objected to concrete gutters were invited to attend the March 13th meeting where everyone would have a chance to express their opinions and all the bids and plans would be available for everyone to see.

Report acceptedREGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sally Hamburger

There are 392 Registered voters as of this date.

The Welcome Wagon subcommittee has gathered all pertinent information for the Welcoming packets for new residents. After suitable folders are obtained, they will be distributed to new residents.

Results of the November Referendum:

233 Valid votes were received from 391 registered voters.

All budget items were approved. There were negative votes for all items: most significant negatives were: Archives (25), Civic reserve fund (19), Buzz Ware Village Center Committee (17), and Commons & Forrests and the Trash collection tied at 16 no's. Most popular items (least negative votes) were the special clean-up and the donation to the serving fire companies.

Assessors elected were: Eugene Shaw (convenor), Bernie Brachman, Tom Colgan, Carl Falco, Aaron Hamburger, Peter Renzetti and Elizabeth Varley. Lew Aumack is the alternate.

Report accepted

Advisory Committee: Nominations were then taken from the floor (see addendum to minutes)

Community Planning: Ruth Bean

The Committee has met monthly since the last Town Meeting.

In November we met with the Safety Committee and came to an amicable resolution of our differences regarding Ordinance # 13. To back track, let me give some background on Ordinance # 13. Ordinance # 13 requires residents of Arden to provide off-street parking for all vehicles regularly used by the household. It was originally adopted in 1982 and became effective in June 1985. It was written because on-street parking by residents created problems for garbage trucks, pick-up and delivery vans and fire engines. These larger vehicles cannot pass if the already narrow lanes in Arden are constricted further by vehicles parked along them.

The Community Planning Committee was the original source of Ordinance 13 and has continued to administer the ordinance since it passed. The Committee was seeking to pass administration and enforcement of the ordinance to the Safety Committee. Its reason for doing so was that the Committee is a planning group and enforcement is outside of that primary area of responsibility.

As a result of objections to the previous reading of an amendment at the September Town Meeting the two committees met in November and agreed to share the responsibility. The Safety Committee indicated that they wanted to make sure that leaseholders are aware of the ordinance and that it will be enforced. The two committees agreed unanimously on the following wording, and agreed that the revision will be read at three Town Meetings, beginning today, and it will also be put in the Arden Page.

The revised wording is as follows:

Section # 4 The Community Planning Committee, with the assistance of the Safety Committee shall administer this ordinance. Warnings shall be issued to violaters at least 30 days before prosecuting them in the courts of Delaware.

Section # 5 The Community Planning Committee with the assistance of the Safety Committee may grant an exemption .....

In December we met for an hour with both Civic and Safety, at the request of Safety, to discuss the issue of rights of way and the obstacles put on rights of way by some leaseholders. It was decided that the three committees survey the Town to determine just what the situation is. We will walk around next Saturday.

We thanked Mr. Fain of Deldot one more time which resulted in their reconsidering and putting a 25 m.p.h. sign in each direction at the intersection of Orleans and Harvey. A nice holiday greeting for us. As many of the town know, a recycling center has been set up at the Wilmington Montessori school. There are flyers over at the table explaining exactly what can be recycled.

Pat and Cy Liberman are in process of rewriting the Arden Book and though I will not run for this committee again, I have agreed to continue with the revision of the book until it's completion.

Recently several people expressed concern to us about Pond Lane as a sledding slope. Traditionally plowing and sanding of this road has been delayed to allow for sledding while snow was fresh. Too long a delay, can pose safety problems for both residents who reside there and who use the road as well as for the children. The Committee was concerned that the Town might be held liable if a child were injured. We felt that it might be helpful to see whether the meeting might have suggestions to make dual use of Pond Lane safer, and to meet the needs of all concerned.

Ethel Monfort as Memorial Garden caretaker, and the Committee, would like to amend policy regarding burial in the Memorial Garden.

At this time anyone who is a resident may have either a full casket or ashes buried in the gardens. Former residents may also be buried there with permission from caretakers. We would like to suggest that, due to space considerations - former residents be limited to internment of ashes only.

At Advisory we brought up the poor condition of the bulletin board at the end of the Green. We were charged to investigate cost of improvement and will then notify Civic Committee.

For those of you who like to mark your calendars well in advance:

\*Woods Clean-Up will be April 20th

\*The Memorial Garden Clean-up will be the following week, April 27th.

#### Discussion:

A straw vote was taken on the suggestion of ashes only for former residents in the Memorial Garden and a majority of Town Assembly were in favour.

On concerns of liability that could occur from icy conditions on Pond Lane, Community Planning will talk to Town attorney.

Report Accepted.

\*Both Cy Liberman and Lew Aumack have been very busy on the C.C.B.O.H. and I'd like to have them make a brief report to the Town.

A copy of the Resolution presented by Arden follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN ASSEMBLY OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDEN

Whereas the New Castle County government is considering two proposals to build commercial and other facilities at Concord Pike and Naaman's Road:

And Whereas one of these calls for a large "upscale" shopping mall on the site of the Brandywine Raceway, and the other is a proposal for a combination of housing, offices and stores advanced by the Woodlawn Trustees:

And Whereas the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden has considered reports on these projects and finds:

1. The Brandywine Raceway proposal would not serve the needs of residents of Arden.
2. This project would generate large amounts of traffic on Concord Pike and would seriously degrade the ability of motorists to travel freely on that already busy highway.
3. The Woodlawn Trustees project would be less demanding on the traffic capacity of Concord Pike and would be accompanied by a grant of land creating a public greenway along Rocky Run from Concord Pike to Brandywine Creek State Park along the Brandywine. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden urges members of New Castle County Council to approve appropriate rezoning for the land of the Woodlawn Trustees project and to reject any zoning change for the Brandywine Raceway land until a more desirable project is advanced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Councilman Richard Cecil, to the president of County Council, and to the clerk of Council.

January 28th , 1991 (to be signed by William Press Town Assembly Chairman)

Safety Committee: Elizabeth Varley

John Grimaldi has resigned from the committee and been replaced by the next runner-up, Tom Colgan.

We completed the design of the Arden Parking ticket and they are in use. We have over spent our budget by \$488.51. We would like to request assistance from the contingency fund to cover this amount. We have sent a letter to the Town Chairman requesting this aid. We do not expect any further expenses between now and the end of the fiscal year. We would like to know if the town would like us to continue the extra police patrols. This is the largest item in our budget, at \$60 per hour and a 3 hour minium patrol.

In December we met with the Civic Committee and the Community Planning Committee to discuss the problem of encroachment on the town rights-of-way. We know that these encroachments take different forms, some are fences, some are rocks or logs. Hedges can also be a problem. We decided that before any solution could be devised we needed to find the extent of the problem. We are having a three committee walk around Arden on February 2, starting at the B.W.V.C at 9:30 AM., to determine the extent of the alledged encroachments. The participants will have a map of the Village to make notes on, the list of street rights-of-way, and tape measures. After the survey is complete the joint committees will meet to decide what course of action to take.

We regret to report some vandalism to property belonging to members of the Safety Committee. This took the form of slashed tires and fire damage to an out-building. We suspect that this was in retaliation for action taken by the Committee in assisting the police in breaking up an under age drinking party in the Sherwood Forest in December. There has also been some removal of signs and this can be quite costly, each stop sign, for example, costs \$65. If anyone has any information about these incidents would they please contact a member of the Safety Committee. Earlier this month there was a report of a man in a car inviting an Arden child to come and listen to a story. The child ran home and the mother reported it to the police as well as to the Safety Committee. The descriptionis of a young black male, in a grey sedan with Delaware plates and a Garfield sticker on the back. Please discuss this with your children not to frighten them, but to work out what they should do if a stanger approaches them offering something or invites them into a car. On happier note we would like to thank Lou Bean for putting up the stop sign at Woodland and Millers.

Discussion:

Committee was asked if there was any news on the crosswalks? Liz said it was in Budget for 1990-91 will be done as soon as possible. Question on cost of police patrols - Liz will review the logs kept by police while they are patrolling the Village and will then evaluate the logs to see if it is worth the extra money. Also we could consider sharing the patrol with the 3 Ardens if it is a full 3 hours.

Report accepted

Legislative Reference Committee - Mary Brent Whipple

The Legislative Committee met on January 10 1991. A Review was conducted of the January and March, 1968 and June, 1981 Town Assembly Meeting minutes to see how well they correlated with the letter sent out in June of 1981 which served as the Addendum to the Act to Reincorporate. This was done in order to make sure that the standing committees that were added at that time had duties that were consistent with what was listed in the 1981 Addendum. Additionally, new standing committees of the Legislative Reference Committee, the Archives Committee and the Audit Committee were written up in a format to be proposed as new standing committees. These will be presented under New Business. Additionally, two nominees were submitted to the Advisory Committee to fill the one member's term which will be expiring this year. They are: Hugh Roberts and John Orr.

A type of calendar of events will be added to the March minutes. Re: January - nominations, March - elections of committee and Town officers, June - Assessors report - land rent/Audit report September, Budget presentation - nominations for assessors, October and November - mailing of referendum and election of assessors.

Report accepted.

Ad-hoc Flag Committee - Leon Tanzer

We have met several times and progress has been evident. We added Pete Renzetti to the committee. We will present a design plus an alternate design at the next Town Meeting.

Ad-hoc Computer Investigation Committee - Susan Rohrbach

The Computer Investigation Committee with Susan Rohrbach, Leon Tanzer and Harold Monfort in attendance, held our final meeting on November 13, 1990. Mary Irons called early in the day to report that she was unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Irons read all of the committee data and concluded with other committee members (Steven Threefoot absent) that there was insufficient evidence to justify purchase of a computer at this time. This conclusion was based on a Questionnaire sent by this committee to all committee chairpersons, assessors, trustees and town officers. The committee experienced a 100% response to the questionnaire. The committee felt that the small favorable response was inadequate to support and expense would easily exceed \$2,000.00.

The volunteers who have contributed use of personal computer equipment and time for the benefit of the Village are to be complimented and thanked for their efforts. It is hoped that

such help will be available in the future. From informal talks with such people, we feel assured that this volunteer effort will continue.

A packet has been prepared by me containing xeroxes of all questionnaires sent out, committee notes, etc. If you are interested in examining this information please see me during this meeting or call me anytime and a packet will be loaned to you.

Report accepted.

#### ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

Nominations for committees:

ARCHIVES: Jean Brachman, Sue Rohrbach, Don Holcomb, Ethel Monfort.

AUDIT: John Wheeler, John Austin, Liz Broadbent, Lee Starr, Richard Pell, Mary Irons.

BUDGET: Bess Southwell, John Page, Larry Walker, Marianne Cignalia.

B.W.V.C.: Ruth Bean, Connee McKinney, Sue Rohrbach, Marjorie Mabrey, Susan Noonan, John Landis.

CIVIC: Carl Falco, Maryellen Jobson, Harold Monfort, Richard Pell, Bess Southwell.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Lew Aumack, Jannie Stearns, Yvonne King, Debbie Theis, Betty Cirker.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Hugh Roberts, John Orr.

PLAYGROUND: Mary Vernon, Ted Heymann, George Plymyer.

REGISTRATION: Karol Hannover, Bea Jaffe, Michelle Cherrin, Lynne Svenning, Sharon Handwerger, Yvonne King, Paul Thompson, Ruth Estes, Elizabeth Varley.

SAFETY: Tim Colgan, Elizabeth Varley, William Theis, George Vernon.

TOWN CHAIRMAN: William Press

ADVISORY CHAIRMAN: Marianne Cinaglia

TREASURER: Rae Gerstine

TOWN ASSEMBLY SECRETARY: Irene O'Connor

New Business:

Frank Akutowicz - Motion that the Town Assembly requests that the Civic Committee refrain from committing funds for installing stream lined gutters length wise along roads in Arden.

Leon Tanzer - Motion - That this motion be tabled - motion was seconded and tabled.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM by William Press Town Chairman.